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DENTIST ESCAPES NAZI INVASION

by Albert C. Huber

It MICHT BE WELL for Americans to consider the dental standards of the armies of France in relation to their defeat. For if the experiences of Doctor Andre Baude, a French army captain, physician and dentist, may be used as a barometer, there was a strong parallel between the inefficiency of the French army, when it was given the blitzkrieg test last May, and the condition of the mouths of the soldiers of France.

Doctor Baude is one of the few

French officers to find a haven in America. Now he is living at Independence, Kansas, with his American wife and their small son, and yet it was less than a year ago that he and his dental comrades scoffed at the "funny German Army," as they performed the perfunctory task of

increasing the masticating power of the French soldiers.

"Some of the French soldiers were toothless," Doctor Baude said, "and many had mastication powers of less than 40 per cent; these being entitled to dentures at the expense of the army. There were no regular army dentists before France and Germany declared war, only reserve dental officers, and during peacetime the oral hygiene of the army was entrusted to reg-

ular army physicians or to young dentists drafted for their regular period of conscription.

"When war was declared," Doctor Baude continued, "two dentists were assigned to each regiment of infantry, but there were no dentists for the engineers or artillery regi-

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Doctor Andre Baude, French army captain, dentist and physician, outwitted his Not captors and reached U. S. safely

ments; these being taken care of by the closest infantry dental offices. The mobile dental cars used during the previous war were being considered but had not been ordered," Doctor Baude said, "when the blitzkrieg started."

"The condition of the teeth of the French soldiers was not, on the whole, very good, because the peaants of France were in the majority," Doctor Baude explained. It was indeed rare for a peasant to come to my office at Chateau Thier

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A graduate of the Faculte de Medecin of Paris, where he took his M.D. degree, and of the Ecole Dentaire, where he specialized in dentistry, Doctor Baude was practicing peacefully, when in September, 1939, he was mobilized.

At the start of the war with Germany, he was sent to a front line village between the Maginot and Siegfried lines in command of a french ambulance unit of 234 men and enrolled with supervisory powers over the existing dental units, which he now admits were as inefficient as many other departments of the army.

Giving graphic illustrations of the efficacy of Nazi fifth column activities, Doctor Baude tells how, when the German invasion started May tenth, the French army lost contact with headquarters. There was mad confusion, the men losing confidence in their superiors, shifting for themselves. Two comrades, assigned to bomb a bridge, Doctor Baude recalled, were found stabbed to death. Carloads of shells labeled for 3-inch guns were opened to disclose that only 6-inch shells had been forwarded.

"Many French pillboxes behind the original points of contact with the enemy, counted upon in case of enforced retreat, were found to be locked and the keys lost," Doctor Baude says. "In other French pillboxes Germans suddenly popped up to man the guns."

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certain villages," he recounted. "Upon arrival, our slow-moving troops would encounter hostile gunfire. Under such circumstances, I found I was following the disorganized army to Dunkerque."

"For miles I actually 'marched' on my belly, for the dive bombers were flying so close to the ground you could see the pilot. It was a terrifying experience. You have the feeling while the plane is in the dive that it has singled you out personally. The only time during the war I was frightened was in such a raid. My hands were shaking as if I had the palsy, when I arose to my feet after it was over."

Esthete that he is, Doctor Baude recalls most vividly the beauty of the morning scene when he reached Dunkerque. There was sunshine and a blue sky and the entire home fleet of Great Britain, including motor launches, destroyers and battleships, awaited in the harbor to undertake one of the greatest evacuations in history. Tons of bombs exploded upon the ground, and bursting shells and Stukas played tag in the air. The normally blue waters off the Normandy coast were red with the reflection of explosions, and falling bombs and depth charges sent up geysers of water.

A raft ferried Doctor Baude to a 400-ton British gunboat. And though the boat was a target of German shells the commanding officer gave a demonstration of the indomitable British courage by asking Doctor Baude to "please" go to his cabin. Shortly a steward

brought tea and, later still, Scotch and soda.

England gave the beaten army a triumphant reception at Dover. Doctor Baude and ten men of his command, all that were accounted for of his original command of 234, were sent to Plymouth and then taken back to France on French cruisers to be landed at Cherbourg and inadequately rearmed.

Again he was sent to the front and, June nineteenth, found himself behind the fast moving German lines. For the most part the Nazis made no attempt to capture French soldiers, Doctor Baude says, for they had no way to handle such large numbers of prisoners. Thus the French troops often actually stood by and watched the panzer divisions roll over their thoroughfares.

Captured by Nazis

But because he was an officer, the captain was taken prisoner. The Germans were courteous. They offered him cigarettes, he said, under instructions from the German high command. Then they would say, "It is too bad the British brought this upon you. But it's all right. We'll get revenge for you."

Doctor Baude escaped because his captors did not watch him closely, but on June twenty-first, he was recaptured and held two months.

He was confined in the French citadel near the place of his birth, in the Dunkerque region, where for a few weeks 500 officers were interned. (And incidentally, Doctor Baude has noted that in this region, and, particularly the regions of

Britanny and Normandy, where alcoholism had reached the proportions of an affliction, the teeth of the people and the soldiers were poorest.)

"The Germans had machine guns all around the citadel, and at intervals a few rounds would be fired just to discourage thoughts of escape," he said.

The physicians in the camp presented a request to their captors that they be allowed to leave the citadel and administer to the needs of surrounding villages. Six French doctors were permitted to serve in this manner and Doctor Baude's name was one of those drawn by lot.

In one village Doctor Baude encountered a woman in a nurse's uniform who asked him about her husband whose regiment had been stationed near Doctor Baude's at the beginning of the war.

"She was about to become a mother," Doctor Baude said, "and was almost in despair because of separation from her husband and home."

She knew her husband was in free France, so Doctor Baude wrote a certificate of her condition, which she presented to the German authorities. They granted her permission to return to her home. She suggested that the Captain go with her, and though he had no papers, he risked it.

Getting by the sentries was a problem but perhaps the closest call came when they were nearing the border of unoccupied France. The nurse showed her papers, and then the sentries asked for the captain's. "You have Hauptmann?"

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"Oh, yes!" the captain replied in German. He reached slowly back to his pocket, but, of course, he had no papers. At this crisis his companion came to his rescue and fainted, and in the confusion of reviving her and administering hot tea and brandy, the papers were forgotten.

Reaches United States

Late last November, Doctor Baude was successful in obtaining demobilization papers at Nice. Then he was flown across the Mediterranean to Northern Africa, and made his way through Spanish Morocco, being careful to conceal the fact that he had been a French officer, lest he suffer further internment. He arrived in the United States in December.

For purposes of making comparisons Doctor Baude has visited a number of dental schools and offices since arriving here, and it is his conclusion that our equipment is superior.

"The French standard of dentisry was virtually the same as the American standard," he says, "alhough the equipment of most of our schools is somewhat shabbier. This is true of almost every educational institution in France, as our pittion was much less, and we rench attach less importance to the tools used for educational purposes than do Americans. I think the results, in training standards, are equal; the only difference being that in America the students work more easily and under pleasanter conditions."

"The French dental supplies were good," Doctor Baude said, "but the American dental supplies are undoubtedly better. I used American supplies exclusively even though, being imported, they were more expensive. The Germans had done creditably in recent years in the standard of their dental supplies, which were marketed in France, but still they did not equal the American standard."

"The oral hygiene of the French people is not up to the American standard," he says, "that is, if every class of the entire population is considered. The well-to-do and well-educated have more or less the same standard throughout the world."

Although demobilized, Doctor Baude is subject to call for further military duty by the government of France. But this is unlikely, for he believes it will be a long, long time before his countrymen again will be able to place a modern army in the field.

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CALAMITY JANE'S DENTIST*

by Herman Gastrell Seely

Salty characters of the Old West made life exciting for this pioneer dentist, who first appeared on the dust-covered main street of Sheridan, Wyoming, in 1893. In one of the dozen, cheap frame buildings of the business section, he began his practice. Now he looks back on nearly fifty years of dental life in the West.

THAT SAME DOCTOR William Frackelton, whose photograph appeared in March ORAL HYGIENE, came to Sheridan, Wyoming, late in 1893. Thus forty-eight of his fifty years as a practicing dentist have been spent in the West that he now knows so well.

At the time of Doctor Frackelton's arrival, after a brief interlude in Sundance that included a fist fight with the town banker, Sheridan was in the throes of a transformation from a rather isolated cow town to a bustling railroad metropolis. The old Burlington & Missouri right-of-way had just been pushed into Northwestern Wyoming and the wooden side-



Calamity Jane, General Crook's scout, w she appeared in 1895.

walks of the community were filled with pedestrians that ranged from blanketed Indians to railroad engineers and tiehackers, old army scouts, and cowboys in from neighboring ranches for a little relaxation.

"Newcomers," said Will to me on one of our jaunts together. "were welcomed in those days to build up the town. Nobody asked June, 1941

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^{*}By arrangement with A. C. McClurg & Co., publishers of "Sagebrush Dentist," as told by Will Frackelton to Herman Gastrell Seely.

where you came from or why you came. Your intentions were always regarded as good until proved otherwise."

Although he was the only dentist in Sheridan at the time, starting a practice was quite a venture for a young man but two years out of college, and Will shared half of the office occupied by a pioneer physician named Kelly. His dental chair was rented from Fritz Friebel, the town barber.

In that chair, and its successors in other offices over the next twenty years, sat an array of patients that included Calamity Jane; Frank frought, the Indian scout; Buffalo ill Cody, and others of the now on-existent army of men and ormen who helped to win Wyoning from the Indians and make it it is the state of the sattle barons and the atters who followed.

"But, except for Buffalo Bill and, enhaps, Grouard, they were not mous at the time," said Will. The advance of civilization had ped out their means of liveliod and most of them were havga pretty tough time of it."

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In came Calamity, easily identified by her pockmarked face. Will braced himself for a flood of invective of the sort vented on the hapless editor, but as a dental patient she proved quite refined.

Would Doctor Frackelton look her teeth over?

Doctor Frackelton would and did. A number of cavities needed restorations, which required several visits. As these sessions progressed, dentist and patient became more at ease, and Calamity talked a bit of her more recent wanderings.

"She was making a living, traveling with her pack outfit from place to place, selling little pamphlet autobiographies," said Will to me. "She had a disconcertingly direct gaze and profanity came as naturally as the other words in her vocabulary. She had headed toward Sheridan, because wanted to look over the scenes of her old exploits as a scout with General Crook. The memories seemed to leave her unhappy and restless nevertheless,"

Starts Dental Circuit

When the Burlington & Missouri construction work was finished, Sheridan felt the lack of a railroad payroll and dental practice fell off along with the commercial activities of the town. After one worried winter, Doctor Frackelton hit upon the expedient of a dental circuit that placed the towns and big ranches near Sheridan on a regular calling list. Between trips, he remained at the home office.

At the South end of the circuit

was Buffalo, where the bridal chamber of the famous old Occident Hotel served as dental headquarters. East of Sheridan, Doctor Frackelton's journeys took him to the ranch trading center of Clearmont and the railroad town of Gillette. Northwest of Sheridan, on the storied Bozeman trail, was boisterous Dayton, terminus of the Mc-Shane flume, and shipping point for most of the railroad ties used on the Burlington & Missouri right of way. The permanent residents of Dayton were anything but angels, but life really livened up a bit when the tiehackers came down from the mountains after the run of logs down the flume and began to spend their money.

"In nearly every case," observed Will, "the town gamblers saw to it the cards spelled another season of work up in the mountains."

The equipment taken on the circuit trips was of necessity primitive in the extreme. Any kitchen or hotel chair served for the patient and, after the first trip out, Doctor Frackelton hit upon the device of taking along the removable headrest that was a part of Fritz Friebel's barber chair. This he wired into place at the proper height for each patient, before beginning operations.

Although the worst cases were caused by a kick from a horse or some similar catastrophe, the bulk of the dental service of those early Wyoming days was the same as now—restorations and extractions.

Gold fillings were a craze, stage lines operated on uncertain schedules, and express shipments by rail were irregular. Thus conditions forced the carrying of a fairly heavy stock of materials and the use of coins for gold crowns and bridgework.

Many a five or ten-dollar gold piece was hammered into the desired shape and thickness on a ranch anvil, just because a cowpuncher wanted to be in style. Coins minted in California were the best for the purpose, because the metal from that state held its color well. Black Hills gold coins always showed the copper and stained badly in a tobacco chewer's mouth.

Such things as X-rays, oral specialists, and clinicians were unknown, and the pioneer dentist had to trust to God in a serious accident, go to work, and do his best. Then the patient was turned over to Ma, whose wholesome, old-fashioned cooking usually brought him back to normal in a few weeks.

Illustrative of the emergencies of those days, a young woman was brought into Doctor Frackelton's office in Sheridan with nine of her front teeth either knocked out or loose. A kick from a horse had caused the accident, and her companion brought with him the missing teeth, wrapped in a pocket handkerchief.

The patient's mouth was sterilized as thoroughly as possible and the teeth were cleaned. They were then wired to the only thing available at the moment—a spectacle bow—and put back in position.

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teeth were still functioning. Hardiest of those early patients, however, were the hackers from the railroad tie camp above Dayton who, as long as they remained in the mountains, were kept in the pink of condition by hard work, plain food, decent hours, and no whiskey. They took the punishment of a dentist's chair like stoics.

One young Norwegian, homeward bound to Minnesota, lumbered into the Sheridan office to explain that he had to catch the evening train. Could Doctor Frackelon take care of him and finish the "yob" in time.

No Tenderfoot

There were nine cavities. The hacker had the money and was insistent on speed, so the teeth were drilled out and prepared before restorations were inserted. He never even winced during the process.

Doctor Frackelton's dental career in Wyoming had been interrupted only by one brief winter in Alaska during the Klondike gold rush. It was a winter that seemed like a lifetime, and he is more than willing to admit the sight of the streets of Sheridan was a most welcome one when he and his wife returned.

No professional man can live in a western community for so many years without taking part in its civic activities. Thus it happens that, outside his dental activities, Will Frackelton has been an Indian wrangler for the Sheridan shows that preceded the modern rodeos, has been admitted as a member of the Crow tribe, and has directed the taking of a motion picture, with an all-Indian cast, in the days before the talkies.

Of some of these incidents of his career as a pioneer Wyoming dentist I had heard indirectly, but it took several vacations spent with him in Sheridan and the nearby Big Horn mountains to realize their real extent and flavor.

One sunny early September afternoon as I sat talking with this rather extraordinary brother-inlaw in his dental office, I said:

"Will, all this ought to be in a book."

"But these are just stories I tell my patients while they're in the chair. I'm not a writing man."

"Well," I replied, "You tell 'em and I'll write 'em."

That was the genesis of SACE-BRUSH DENTIST, published this spring.

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I Would Want My Daughter to be a Dental Hygienist

by Juanita Stocks

THE TRUTH, EVEN THE whole truth, usually does not stir up a resentment comparable to that which arises from insinuations, loose talking, and destructive criticism. A story half-told needs an ending. The

article, MY DAUGH-TER WILL NEVER BE A DENTAL HY-GIENIST, by Evelyn Folkers¹, was apparently a sincere attempt to evoke legislation for dental hygiene in one of the fourteen states having no licensing laws for this profession. I am writing this refutation in courtesy to the author, yet in defense of the status of the profession and of the universities producing the dental hygienists of America.

"There is definitely need for licensing acts in all forty-eight states (for dental hygienists)," says Miss Stocks, "but the people to approach are the dentists and not our training institutions.

We, as dental hygienists, are struggling for the advancement of our profession. Experience has made us aware of certain pertinent facts. In fourteen scattered states we are fighting. Fighting prejudice. Fighting ignorance. Fighting for recognition and re-

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spect as a "specialty within a specialty." Many of our members are dissatisfied with our standing. There are those who have lost faith. Those who are discouraged. And those who are beaten. These, fortunately, are in the minority. Most of the women in this vocation are well-satisfied in their work and its remuneration and in their affiliation with their guardian profession of dentistry.

It is to be remembered that the worth of anything cannot be measured in terms of the few. Can 51,000 dentists be wrong? In 1939, thirty-one states, having a dental population of this number, with an American Dental Association membership of 27,447, had approved the dental hygienist. If Mrs. Folkers' article had not been extreme and sensational, it would never have made such excellent reading. We must not, however, allow a judgment to rest on the opinionated script of a dental hygienist who obviously had more than the average share of "bad breaks." The wailings of one career woman are insufficient hue and cry to merit such an attack upon the honor and integrity of the university that graduated her.

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I would want my daughter to be a dental hygienist! However, it shall be left to her to decide. I hope she will have foresight sufficient to investigate thoroughly this new profession for women and many other occupations before she makes her decision.

The author says, "No daughter of mine is going to put a couple of thousand dollars into a profession-

al education, and graduate to work for the same wages paid to a tencent-store employee," Two thousand dollars for a professional education is a lucky minimum when we make comparisons. What other professional woman has paid less for her knowledge? The school teacher spends four years and more than that amount of money before graduating. The registered nurse must spend at least three years to receive her certificate. The educations of the woman physician, the woman dentist, and the woman lawyer are entirely unattainable for the sum of two thousand dollars.

Mrs. Folkers' own data, as reported in a survey made by the American Dental Hygienists' Association in 1937-38-39, defeats her statement. The lowest salaried group of hygienists in the entire nation receives from \$12.00 to \$30.00 per week. The highest group ranges from \$30.00 to \$50.00 per week. This reveals that the average of the lowest salaried area is \$21.00 and the average of the higher-salaried area is \$40.00. It is also proved that, even in states without laws for licensure, it is possible for a hygienist to average \$30.00 per week. Does the salary of any dimestore employee parallel this? It is unfortunate for one to choose to remain in a state in the low salary area, for in thirty-four other states there lies an opportunity for any dental hygienist to do better.

"I was faced with the alternative—securing a position in a state having legislation for hygienists. Of course, this would entail taking a state board examination, coupled

with the cost of application and room and board expenses while taking the examination, which I could ill afford," our writer continues. Is this an alternative? Does not every practicing dentist, physician, registered nurse, and hygienist have to stand these expenses? It is a requirement in every state, anywhere, that we first graduate and then take our state board examination to prove we are capable of rendering our services. What else was to be expected upon this particular graduation? We may be positive that every prospective student is informed of this. It is not to be considered as a second choice. It is the law! There are no exceptions.

There is no conceivable basis for the guery as to how one was to know all this with university bulletins portraying rosy futures and concealing facts. Evelyn Folkers has described herself and others as victims of universities standing within states having no legislation, or returning graduates to states having no legislation. I received my certificate from the same school that she did. This woman was graduated from an excellent and accredited school of dental hygiene in 1928. In the bulletin from this college for the academic year 1927-28, the states licensing dental hygiene were plainly and definitely specified. These states have been listed in every bulletin from the school since the introduction of the course in 1923 until 1930. This was convenient for those who were not sufficiently interested to investigate the laws and status of this profession in

their own state. Since 1930, the bul. letin has stated, "The legal require ments for license vary in different states, and it is recommended that the prospective student inform herself of the requirements of her state before registering." It does not follow that because she did not famil. iarize herself with the opportunities of this work before entering it, she should so destructively criticize a college for failing to single her out of hundreds of students and inquire whether she had read her bulletin carefully and, nevertheless, had decided to enroll.

Lack of Forethought

The author's lack of forethought and preparedness is no logical reason for her criticisms. The aim of the school of dental hygiene as stated is "to educate young women to teach mouth hygiene in schools, state institutions, and industrial establishments; also to serve in private dental offices in those states which grant licenses. Their work consists of personal and classroom instruction, training of children in the care of their mouths, and prophylactic treatments. There appears to be no legal barrier to the work of the dental hygienist in public schools in those states which have not enacted laws for licensure, except that they cannot give prophylactic treatments."

From her article the predicament of the author seemed lamentable. Yet, it is seen that there are opportunities in her home state; opportunities in public school service that require neither the standing of a state board examination nor any of

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The trend of thought in Mrs. Folkers' article was unfortunate. It is to be seen that she was trying to stir up someone to do something about the dental hygienist law in her state. I feel, however, that she was wrong in denouncing her profession and in placing all the blame for her situation on the educational institutions. The universities that teach dental hygiene can do little to exert pressure for such a law.

The profession of dental hygiene has come into existence, because dentists realized the value of the service that could be given by qualified workers. Laws have been passed in thirty-four of our forty-eight states within the last quarter century at the insistence of practicing dentists, who wanted to avail themselves of the help of hygienists. It seems to me, therefore, that if we are to pass a law for hygienists in the remaining fourteen states, it

must come as a result of a demand from practicing dentists. There is definitely a need for licensing acts in all forty-eight states, but the influential people to approach are the dentists and not our training institutions.

Furthermore, it seems reasonable that the real need is for a positive, well-planned program of education to inform the dentists in these fourteen states of the value of the dental hygienist. This will accomplish more than a vitriolic attack upon the hygienists' profession and the training institutions. We need to wipe out prejudice, not increase it. We need to strengthen faith, not destroy it. By constant effort we must increase the good will and understanding of these dentists. Through their organized societies they have the power to encourage or retard legislative action. It is to them that we must look for the answer to our problem.

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DENTISTS WARNED AGAINST DRAFT DODGERS

A WARNING TO DENTISTS that it is unlawful for them to extract teeth without cause and that they are "liable to prosecution by the Federal Government for interference with the Selective Service Act" if they do so, was issued by Doctor J. S. Oartel, head of the Odontological Society of Western Pennsylvania. Accompanying the warning was a reminder to registrants that any attempt to evade the draft by having their teeth removed would mean immediate induction into the Army. "Teeth of men of draft age must not be extracted when it will render them unfit for military service, unless X-rays prove the necessity of extraction and if they cannot be restored to use," Doctor Oartel said. "Any man of draft age presenting themselves for unnecessary extractions should be reported and a record of the man's mouth given to the local draft board."



Dentists Train Athletes at Annapolis

by Naomi Smith



This on-the-spot story tells how dentists, who are also well-trained athletes, aid in the toughening up process for Navy men at Annapolis.

DURING THESE CHAOTIC times, when all the world seems either to be fighting or building up to a fighting pitch, eyes are focused on our expanding United States Navy, and its strength has become a matter of vital importance to every one of us. Newspapers and magazines are full of information concerning the merits of the new ships, airplanes, and bases, but it is also recognized that the men behind the guns must be of the finest stuff obtainable, and strong enough to hold up under almost intolerable stress. The Dental Department of the United States Navy plays a major role in the all-important business of keeping these men fit, and building up their endurance to the point where they can carry on effectively for long periods without rest or sleep. Not only do the dental officers render the best possible treatment in their chosen profession, but they also take an active interest in the general toughening up process which the Navy is instituting at the present time.

The remarkable stamina of foreign fighting personnel, as evidenced by the present conflict in Europe, bears out the fact that physical fitness plays a larger part in military efficiency than has hitherto been realized. Recently an order was sent out to all the Navy which reads in part: "Modern war requires the acme of physical fitness and fighting edge. Nothing shall be left undone to insure that all officers and men of our Navy are properly conditioned to meet the utmost demands of physical endurance . . . All commands affoat and ashore will immediately institute adequate and systematic exercises to bring personnel to peak of physical fitness. Such measures will contribute to the continuance of the present high morale of the Navy." In keeping with this message, the Navy dental officers are doing their bit toward consummation of the order, and lending their enthusiastic cooperation and leadership in athletic activities.

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At the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis many of the dental officers who excelled in college athletics are now utilizing that experience by contributing to the midshipmen their knowledge of sports. Of the twelve dental officers on duty at the Academy, four were able to qualify as athletic coaches. and another has charge of the strennous daily calisthenics, which all enlisted personnel of the Medical and Dental Corps must take. All this, of course is in addition to putting in a full day (beginning at 7:30 a. m.) performing their professional duties, in Dental Quarters.

Football is Important

Harold G. Davies, Lieutenant, junior grade, of the Dental Corps is end coach of the Varsity football team, and promptly at four-thirty in the afternoon changes his Navy uniform (or operating gown, as the case may be) and gets into his football togs. He then goes out on the athletic field and works out with the squad until dark, rain or shine, and regardless of how muddy the turf. Injuries are no more common on a muddy field than on any other, and every player learns early in his training just how to fall and roll over and over, without hurting himself. One of Doctor Davies' activities consists of going on scouting trips to watch other teams play. Before Navy is scheduled to meet a particularly tough opponent, he takes a trip and watches that team in action against another squad. Equipped with field glasses, notebook and pencil, he watches the

prospective enemy closely throughout the game and takes careful note of any new tricks or difficult plays that he sees. All his findings he reports to Major Larsen, head coach in charge of Navy football. Then, together with the team, they go out on the field and work out their defense against the future opponent's tricky plays. The midshipmen's perennial battle for supremacy in football over the Army, which became another victory for Navy last November, was ample reward for all the hard work, bruises, and sweat expended by both team coaches.

Lieutenant Kenneth O. Turner, Dental Corps, is intramural coach for the Battalion football team. Intramural coaches assist also in Spring varsity practice, which starts in March regardless of the weather. Doctor Turner's enthusiasm for football is contagious. He is tireless in his efforts to improve the games of the players, and spends the entire late afternoon drilling them in stretching exercises, muscular coordination, and general muscular development and endurance. The results of this training are highly gratifying and many a young man who started as a clumsy but determined athlete develops surprising agility, speed, and endurance under the able instruction of Doctor Turner.

Swimming Coach

Lieutenant J. H. Sault, Dental Corps, also coaches Battalion football during the season, and is now coaching swimming in the Naval Academy's beautiful natatorium.



Left to right: Harold G. Davies, Lieutenant, junior grade; Kenneth O. Turner, Lieutenant; Jack H. Sault, Lieutenant—all of the Dental Corps, U. S. Navy.

This pool is one of the finest and largest in the world and the water is so thoroughly purified by irradiation and ultra violet rays that it is said to be drinkable. No doubt a great deal of it is swallowed during the excitement of the diving and swimming meets. Doctor Sault, who assists Henry Ortland, head swimming coach for

the Academy, is an expert swimmer himself and keeps an alert eye on the midshipmen to correct any errors in the strokes or racing form. He sees to it that they start properly, for swimmers must be careful not to jump the gun, yet they must get away immediately. Three afternoons each week are spent in drilling them in gun starts

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Capta Senior Dental boxing chiefly matches esting point of prising dresses and ever and racing turns alone, and the other three days are given over to practice swimming and diving, and to trial races. That this sort of training brings results is indisputable, for this season Navy had the satisfaction, among other triumphs, of breaking the existing Naval Academy pool record when it won the 300 yard relay race against Harvard.

At the end of the past Fall sports season these three coaches in the Navy Dental Corps were specially commended by Admiral Wilson Brown, Superintendent of the Naval Academy, for: "Their services and enthusiasm in this volunteer service. They were an excellent influence over the squads in their charge."

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Captain Alfred Chandler, the Senior Dental Officer in charge of Dental Quarters, is an intramural boxing coach. His duties consist chiefly of judging the boxing matches. These contests are interesting not only from an athletic point of view, but are rather surprising to the newcomer in that one dresses formally to attend these, and even the referee wears a dinner jacket. Captain Chandler has previously coached basketball, and when he was on the airplane carrier "Saratoga" his team won the Fourth Naval District championship under his able direction.

Commander Edward B. Howell, Dental Corps, has charge of the strenuous calisthenics which all medical and dental enlisted personnel take every afternoon after work. This training consists of setting-up exercises, or "Swedish," as set forth in the Blue Jacket's Manual, and is varied by drills in formation, marching, stretcher bearing, litter carrying, and first aid. This is all part of the hardening process, which the entire Navy is undergoing.

The avowed mission of the Medical Department of the Navy (of which the Dental Corps is a part) is "To keep as many men at as many guns for as many days as possible," and every effort is being directed to that end. All in all, colleagues in the dental profession can be proud of their representatives at the Naval Academy, who, whether at work or at play, have an outstanding record of achievement.

38 Southgate Avenue Annapolis, Maryland.

Speaking as a Patient -

The use of X-rays eliminates the "blind flying" that dentists and patients were subjected to in the past. X-ray machines are to be used as a third eye of a dentist, not as dust catchers. If you have an X-ray machine use it and fly "on the beam."



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MORE PATIENTS?

by Herbert G. Frankel, D. D. S.

I ATTENDED A DENTAL meeting the other night and the subject was "Dental Economics." It was a symposium directed by a layman and, participating in the program, were four of our members who have a fine reputation in this community as successful practitioners. Their message dealt with the methods to be employed for the successful conduct of a dental practice. Each speaker answered a specific question on the subject of dental economics and, although the program was excellent, the attendance at the meeting was probably the smallest of the entire year.

This fact has made me wonder why, with such a fine program did we have such a small crowd? Are dentists not interested in the economics of their profession? As I mulled over the question, I asked myself why I attended. Was it my interest in economics or my curiosity to find out just what the other fellow is thinking? Then it occurred to me, perhaps we are not giving the proper thought to the biggest economic problem in dentistry.

Some time ago I read an editorial in ORAL HYGIENE, and I feel that probably I have found the answer. This article tells the story that people spend less than one cent per day per capita on dentistry and stresses the fact that if we

could get the public to increase this "one" to "five" cents, we would probably be in a better position financially.

I surely am in favor of this idea

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and I feel that virtually all of us would like to see this come to pass, but how can we accomplish it?

Well, I'm no superman, nor do Ihave any super ideas, but I would like to tell you about certain observations I have made and try to give a gentral plan of what I think could be done.

Mechanically, dentistry has made great advancement in the past twenty-five years. Techniques have been perfected to a great degree. Research has given us many new methods of handling dental problems.

Dentists are better equipped to meet the demands of the public, because they receive greater information through dental meetings, clinics, and postgraduate courses. In short, dentists are better students, according to my observations. This situation is well under control, and no doubt our progress will continue.

Dentists are better equipped to handle the business end of their profession. Societies are giving more attention to the subject of the business side of dentistry, and more articles are being written on this subject. We are paying more attention to the business side of our profession, and dentists of today are capable of handling their affairs in a more successful manner than they did twenty-five years ago.

With all of this, what has it brought us as a profession? Has the public given the dentist credit for the improvement that has been made in dentistry? No! I again quote from the editorial, "The people are spending less than one cent

per capita on dentistry." I am not going to bore you with statistics, but you can be sure that the public spends a lot more than one cent per capita on patent medicines, tooth pastes, mouth washes, cosmetics, and beauty treatments.

How can we interest people in their dentists? You notice I did not say their teeth, because they are probably interested in their teeth. but most of them don't pay much attention to what is happening to them, or else they do not have the money to have the necessary service. Still if one of the diseased roots abscesses, they find money to have it extracted and, if it happens to be in the anterior part of the mouth, they find money enough to get some sort of restoration to give them an anterior appearance of beauty. Sometime recall how many anterior bridges or dentures you have made lately and how few, where teeth are lost in the posterior part of the mouth only. It is a common thing to see a beautiful row of white incisors during a smile, but when the individual breaks into a hearty laugh, one can see many spaces that are crying for posterior restorations. I have frequently taken bite-wings of posterior teeth in mouths where first molars were missing and the roentgenograms showed hidden cavities, the result of drifting and shifting of teeth.

How many times have you observed people talking as you sat in a bus, or some crowded place, and mentally examined their teeth? Even at such a distance one can usually spot the dental caries present, especially in anterior teeth.



"I would tell how we examine and treat school children, and how this has helped to improve their appearance."

All of which brings me back to the question, "What can we do about it?"

I just read an article by a dentist who says that our psychology is all wrong. He contends we talk too much about health and not enough about vanity. Maybe he is right. Why not change our tune and spread the gospel of the Ugly Duckling who became a Princess when she had her teeth repaired? It is true that people have been taught to value their personal appearance. Why not capitalize on some of the free advertising given by our cosmeticians and stylists and stress the fact that unless teeth

are in keeping with the rest of the picture, the individual cannot hop to acquire the smart appearance that we all desire?

This is a somewhat different angle than we are accustomed to em phasize and may not sound quite dignified, but I must say that while our real aim and ambition is primarily to promote health, remove decay and disease, the laity does not like to hear us speak in these terms, and if we must camouflage our real object to meet the demands of the times, I cannot see why talk ing about improved appearance should be objectionable to us, if i is not to our patients. Our ethics and ideals can always be the same but our methods of dealing with the public must be in terms which the understand and appreciate,

Offers Program

In order to get this program over to the public, I should like to suggest the following plan: would ask my local dental society to endorse an "Adult Dental Examination week." Several weeks prior to this examination period I would seek the cooperation of the local radio stations and explain the object of this examination as a method of obtaining a survey of the dental needs of the community. After securing time on the air, would assign the program to some of our members and give each a definite topic to talk about. Most of the copy of these talks should deal with the idea of improving appearance and the restoration of facial features rather than stressing health.

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Each program should be prefaced with an explanation of the object of the examination. In doing this, I would tell how we examine and treat school children and how this has helped to improve the appearance of the children; how when malocclusion is discovered. orthodontia treatment is used, so that no child need be handicapped by a facial deformity. Stress the fact that this same idea is to be applied to adults and that dentistry wants to do its part to improve the appearance of adults as well. Announce that this is sponsored by the ethical dentists of the city and that all that one has to do to obtain this service is to go to any dentist in the city in order to have an examination and advice about methods necessary to restore one's mouth and the normal contours of the face.

As these people come in, and I feel sure that they will, they should be given a thorough examination, and bite-wing X-rays should be taken. Where malocclusion occurs, impressions must be taken and at a second appointment all the data should be placed before the patient. Each defect should be explained, and the patient should be made aware of what can be done to make his or her personal appearance more attractive, and at the same time shown the necessity of removing all infection. Also, we should talk about the cost of the service and try to reach some satisfactory agreement as to how payments can be made. Maybe all of

the service cannot be given at one time, but if the patient is interested in his or her appearance, and we have stated our case with real earnestness, he will find some way to get started. Often when the service has been started, money will be found to carry on. I know this is true, because often I have had a patient come into the office and say, "Doctor, I want this tooth filled. I know I have other cavities, but I can afford to have only one filled at the present time." After the restoration is placed, he, himself, suggests that I place a restoration in another tooth, and so on until all of them are finished.

What I am trying to impress on you is the fact that once people get interested in their dentists and are impressed with the service he gives, they do find ways and means of having their teeth restored.

Our big job, as I see it, is to raise the "one cent per capita" to "five cents per capita" for dentistry.

I am interested in making more money in dentistry, but the first step is to get more patients into my office. In the same way you are also interested in more money and more patients. You have my ideas and I would like to know just what you think of them. If you have a plan to bring patients into dental offices, why not write it up, and maybe we can raise that one cent per capita to ten cents.

3586 Reading Road Cincinnati, Ohio





DOCTOR LOWERY

of the Research Commission

THIS MONTH'S KODACHROME is a portrait of Doctor P. C. Lowery of Detroit, who has served the American Dental Association for the past six years as Chairman of the Research Commission. This committee has rendered important service to the dental profession, and it might be well to review here some of its outstanding activities.

At various times in the past there has been great emphasis on biological research by the Commission, which was then superseded by physical research. In later years, however, the interest has been more evenly divided between these two types of investigation.

With the desire to be fair both to the profession and to the dental manufacturer, the Commission has made a special effort to aid in the development of better dental materials and improved methods of using them. This procedure has raised the standards of dentistry and increased the life span of operative and prosthetic dentistry, particularly that of the gold inlay, amalgam restorations, partial and complete dentures. Not only den-

tistry but the public has been benefited by this effort.

The creation of the Advisory Committee on Dental Caries was a constructive step by the Commission that has been received with enthusiasm by the profession. It is composed of one dentist and two non-dental members, through whose efforts the first edition of DENTAL CARIES was published, and the second edition is now being prepared for publication.

Last year action was taken at the Cleveland Meeting by the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates in voting an allocation of \$5,000 to establish a fellowship in dental diseases at the National lastitute of Health. It is the hope of the Commission that, in the future, this will develop into a biological project similar in scope to the physical project now in progress at the National Bureau of Standards.

Doctor Lowery, at the Cleveland Meeting, was appointed to serve another five-year term on the Commission, and will remain a member of the Advisory Committee of the Research Commission.

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Military and Defense News

HEALTH CARE IS IMPORTANT IN THE ARMY

These interesting photographs taken recently at Camp Grant, Rockssion ford, Illinois, are shown to give readers an idea of the general organization of the medical unit, an important part of which is the dental clinic, now in operation. We are mable to show a photograph of this clinic, however, as important additions of equipment are now being made. According to Major lames H. Pence, it will soon be fully equipped in compliance with every modern requirement.

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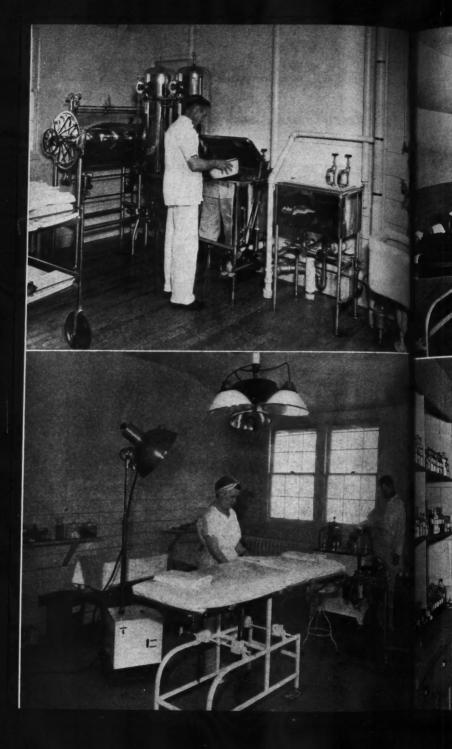
(Top following page) In this sterilization room preparations are made for the care of patients undergoing major surgery.

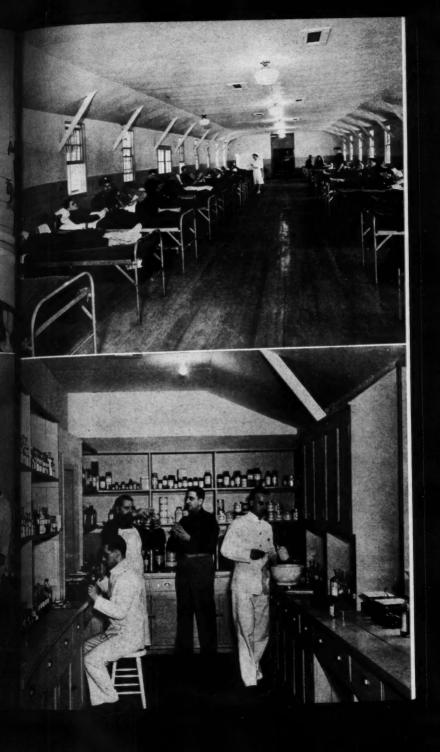
(Bottom, following page) One of the operating rooms in the main surgery of the Station Hospital.

(Top, second following page) This ward is typical of the large, airy rooms provided for sick and convalescent soldiers.

(Bottom, second following page) The Pharmacy at the Station Hospital is prepared for routine and emergency demands.







Editorial Comment

"Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to my conscience above all liberties." John Milton

BY ENEMY ACTION

A POIGNANT PARAGRAPH in a British dental journal announces the death of a dentist and his family in their home "as a result of enemy action." In this case the action of the enemy was direct—by bomb and fire. There is a story in this issue, which describes the deplorable undermining of the French Army and the French people by sabotage and intrigue. This, too, is enemy action. The future interpreters of present-day history will probably agree on one point, that both England and France felt too secure, waited too long, were too free for their own good—until the enemy was in their midst. The same fate may be ours despite our speeded-up production, our frenzied armament race. If we have mental schisms among us, petry quarrels over details, suspicions of people in authority, we are preparing ourselves for destruction.

In our own small field, we must ask ourselves, "Are we ready for war?" We should also ask ourselves a few other simple questions: "What of the uncertainty with respect to dentists being inducted into military service; that is, their uncertainty with respect to commissions? What plans have we made for the care of the migratory workers that follow frenziel defense activities? In our intense interest in preparing the actual arming of forces have we forgotten the dental needs of the civilian population? Have we done anything except to talk regarding the protection of the practices of dentists entering the armed forces? Aren't we inclined to debate long and to split hairs while the enemy, under a singleness of authority, prepares his tools for our annihilation?"

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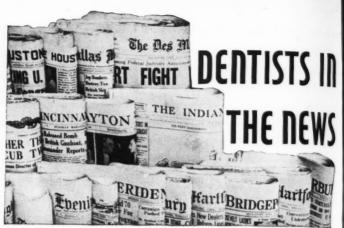
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ided this we do not grow careless. The American Dental Association, which is a free and voluntary organization of dentists, may have some things about it not entirely gratifying to every dentist, but with any of its possible weaknesses it is a far better form of organization than one set up along trade union principles or one that might operate under commissars appointed by the government. We should make every effort to preserve this democratic organization. Some of us do not. A fine example of a distorted independence is the attitude taken by dentists with respect to the preparedness questionnaire sent out by the American Dental Association. About 66 per cent of the American dentists returned their questionnaires. The other third of the dental population were too indifferent and too independent to make the slight gesture of cooperation involved. We have been asked by our own organization to cooperate. Failure by us may mean being told by the government what to do and when to do it.

Individualism is a grand thing and a spirit to be encouraged, but individualism should never be obstructionism or isolationism. There is the danger that we can have so much freedom today that we may have none tomorrow.

Enemy action does not mean falling shells and screaming bombs alone. Enemy action has already begun in our midst with the questioning of the people we have placed in authority, by our holding back, by our failure to work effectively and to cooperate. The modern enemy sows his seeds of dissension before he reaps his harvest with his relentless machines of war.

Edward ! Ryan



Saint Louis (Missouri) Globe-Democrat: Seven eminent members of the dental profession were presented with honorary degrees of doctor of science by Washington University, Saint Louis, in connection with its celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the School of Dentistry. Recipients on whom the degrees were conferred in person were: Brigadier General Leigh C. Fairbank, in command of the Dental Corps of the U. S. Army: Hermann Prinz of Philadelphia, former professor of materia medica and therapeutics at Washington University; Alfred Paul Rogers, professor of clinical orthodontics at Harvard University: Isaac Schour, professor of histology at the University of Illinois: Philip Jay. research associate professor of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry; Raymond C. Willett of Peoria, wellknown orthodontist; and Paul C. Kitchin, associate professor of dental research in Ohio State University. Presentation was made by Chancellor George R. Throop at a special convocation attended by official representatives of the dental profession in forty states, including twentyeight schools of dentistry.

Seattle (Washington) Times: Ralph L. Huber, a dentist of Seattle, has invented a secret plane bombing device. which he believes would enable planes to hit within twenty or thirty feet of their target from an altitude of 25,000 feet or more. Detailed descriptions of the mechanism have been forwarded to Washington, at the request of the War Department, which has also imposed secrecy on Doctor Huber. Speaking of his invention, Doctor Huber said, "It isn't a bombsight but rather a bombsight arrangement or calculator. It is so accurate that a flight of small bombers could wipe out their target every time with little danger to themselves," This device would not, in the opinion of the inventor, replace the intricate bombsights now used on heavy bombers, but could be used by the pilot of a lighter plane carrying a 500-pound bomb. He said it could be manufactured in about three weeks.

Tulsa (Oklahoma) Daily World: Members of the Southwest Dental Society have started a movement for the donation of scrap gold to the British June, 1941 Dental Ass al service B. Ball, se the drive t "substantia spired other the state v could colled a month fi Ball said.

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lental Association for use in giving denal service to British soldiers. Doctor C. B. Ball, secretary of the Society, credits the drive to Doctor L. E. Duncan, whose 'substantial initial donation' has inspired other dentists. "If every dentist in the state would contribute as much, we ould collect \$2000 worth of scrap gold a month for this worthy cause," Doctor Ball said.

Milwaukee (Wisconsin) Journal: Gilbert V. King wanted to be a violinist, but his father objected, so instead he be-



came an aviation mechanic and finally a dentist. At the age of 39 he again reverted to his boyhood interest and in his spare time began to build violins. After spending some time "doctoring" old violins, he finally began to create original models. To carry on this work he has had to make a thorough study of wood, which has such an influence on the tone of the violin. Speaking of the necessity for the wood being aged and well-seasoned, Doctor King says, "The tree from which the best instruments are made must be at least 200 years old before the wood is even considered, and if it is older so much the better. It must not be a dead tree but one whose growth is finished. After cutting, it is cured for fifteen years before it is salable to a violin maker. Most of the wood for violins has been imported from Czecho-Slovakia."

Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) Post-Gazette: A special organization has been set up by Allegheny county dentists to solicit funds from their fellow practitioners

for British and Allied children on behalf of the Save the Children Federation, according to Doctor Joseph L. Polk, chairman of the local group. Funds raised are used to provide "supplemental" aid, such as food and medicines for undernourished children, clothing, and other essentials, which parents are unable to furnish. A contribution of \$30.00, Doctor Polk reports, will provide such aid for one child for a year, and the donor receives the name, a short biography, and often a photograph of the child he has "adopted." American headquarters of the Save the Children Federation are at One Madison Avenue, New York,

New York (New York) Daily News: The importance of the teeth in the identification of bodies was again emphasized in the recent trial in the Bronx County Court of Thomas Conroy, a janitor accused of cremating the body of 10-year-old Genevieve Connolly, after strangling her. The State climaxed its case by calling to the stand Doctor Morris Diamond, a widely-known dental authority and associate professor of Columbia University, to describe in detail, with the aid of charts and drawings, the composition and identifying characteristics of human teeth, with particular reference to seven "specimens," which the State contended were taken from the mouth of Genevieve Connolly. Doctor Diamond said that of all the objects he examined, which were taken by police from Conroy's furnace, a bicuspid first caught his attention. He specifically identified all seven incinerated teeth as having come from the mouth of a 10year-old child. He told the jury that over a period of years he had examined and classified more than 100,000 teeth.

Erie (Pennsylvania) Times: Although it isn't generally known, an enterprising

reporter brought to light the other day the story of how Doctor John Tinklepaugh, 2406 Peach Street, earned his way through dental school. Because he risked his life in 1921 to save two drowning boys, one of them a nephew of famed Pitcher Christy Mathewson, he won a Carnegie medal for heroism and along with it received \$1600 in cash and a \$900 scholarship, which enabled him to go through the University of Pennsylvania and win his degree in dentistry. When the incident occurred Doctor Tinklepaugh was a young man of 20. He was skating on a dam about eighteen miles from Scranton. Not far away a group of younger boys were playing on the ice, when suddenly two of them broke through and disappeared. By diving into the icy water, skates and all, Doctor Tinklepaugh was able to pull the boys and himself to safety. Two years later he received the Carnegie award.

Boston (Massachusetts) Herald: For fifteen months Ralph Kenney, a dentist of Melrose, Massachusetts, has been mysteriously occupied, during his spare time, in his own backyard. The result

is a 10-ton motor-sailing yacht "Cynoor," that is impressive enough to draw gress



photographers from the big city papers. Doctor Kenney constructed the mahog-any-planked vessel from plans purchased from a New York firm. The yacht has teakwood decks, a galley with a store and electric refrigerator, and accommodates four persons. It has been launched on the Saugus river.

Charleston (West Virginia) Gazette: Following an address by Norman H. Baker, President of the West Virginia State Dental Society, a bust of Doctor Simon P. Hullihen, pioneer in oral surgery, was presented to Doctor Ben Robinson for the dental hall of fame of the University of Maryland. The occasion was the thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Society, which was held at White Sulphur Springs in May.

Awards for stories appearing in this month's Dentists In The News go to: Miss Eloise Sloan, 507 Atlas Life Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Miss Helen Doran, 2 East Elm Street, Greenwich, Connecticut.
Mr. L. O. Carlsen, Box 725, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Miss Bernardine Cormier, 327 Rogers Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.
Miss Alice Kindall, 4106-41 S.W., Seattle, Washington.

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O.—I should like to know just how to keep vulcanite baseplates from discoloring where the rubber overlaps in doing a patch or repair job. For some reason my rubber baseplates turn dark just around the patch.—W. C. R., Oklabuma.

A.—There should be no discoloration at repair joints of baseplate vulcanite if the overlaps are always laid on freshly roughened surfaces and kept free from dirt until after vulcanization. But pink reneer joints should always be carried back to inconspicuous areas as dark looking lines of union are unavoidable.

Carbon disulphide is the most active solvent of rubber. Chloroform has a pleasanter odor to have in the office however.—V. C. SMEDLEY.

Uncomfortable Dentures

Q.—I have a patient, 65, who has had six sets of dentures in the last ten years, and they have always hurt him.

After wearing them for an hour the upper denture begins to cause soreness in the region of the cuspids above the periphery of the denture; then the lower causes soreness in the same area. After this, the condition seems to spread; the whole mouth becoming sore. On removing the dentures the pain slowly subsides and in five minutes it is entirely gone. If powder is used, the pain is retarded a little longer. In five

hours or more, if the dentures are again used, the same thing happens.

The gums at this time show no inflammation and look like they are in a healthy condition. Roentgenograms have been made, and the mouth seems to be normal in every respect.

These dentures have been made by a good dentist and have been properly trimmed and adjusted. This patient wants new dentures, and I feel that I cannot help him in any way to relieve this condition. I ask your advice in this matter.—C. F. B., Minnesota.

A.—Your patient, with the abnormally sensitive mouth at the periphery of his dentures in the cuspid area, seems to present an unusual peculiarity, but I should think you should have no great difficulty in correcting this discomfort by cutting the dentures away radically over these areas and filling in a new periphery with one of the easy-flowing waxes.

You can let your patient wear his dentures with this wax in place for a day or more, if you wish to be sure of both comfort and stability, before running them through the laboratory to make this correction a permanent part of the denture bases.—V. C. SMEDLEY.

Sensitive Areas

Q.—I have a woman patient, 30, with extreme sensitivity about the gingival margin of most of her teeth. What can one do to remedy it? I have had her physician examine her and he can find nothing that might cause this condition. I have painted the gingival margins with silver nitrate, which helps some, but I don't like to discolor her anterior teeth.

Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.—R. H. H., South Dakota.

A.—Sensitivity of cervical areas of teeth is sometimes the result of excessive occlusal stresses; particularly the tripping stresses. So the first thing to do is to test for such stresses and relieve them if found.

As you have found, treatment with silver nitrate is usually helpful, but, as you say, it should not be used where stains will be visible in conversation.

Formalin is an excellent desensitizing agent, but it must be used with care as it is destructive to soft tissues.

Grossman¹ advises the cleansing of the areas to be treated with coarse pumice powder, followed by a thorough washing with warm water and wiping with chloroform and alcohol, or chloroform. Then with the rubber dam in place, or rolls, a wedge-shaped orange-wood stick, which has previously been soaked strength formalin, is rubbed briskly over the sensitive area for five minutes. The gingiva should then be washed lightly with ammonium acetate solution U.S.P. Then after drying the area with warm air it should be covered with a varnish. -GEORGE R. WARNER.

Discoloration

Q.—Could you please tell me of a way to keep a small tooth, for instance an upper lateral, from darkening up, after placing a three-quarter crown on it?—W. B. W., Nebraska.

A.—If an incisor tooth is unusually small or thin, there is bound to be a slight change in hue if backed by a non-translucent material. Under these conditions light is not refracted as in the case of a normal, undamaged tooth.

However, if a metal backing of any nature is accurately fitted and set with a properly-mixed cement on a dry, clean tooth surface, there should be no marked change in the hue of the tooth.

In the case of marked darkening, particularly near the margins of the replacement, one should suspect a poorly fitted replacement, poor cement, (perhaps deteriorated acid) improperly mixed cement, a tooth surface that was moist or from which foreign substances hadn't been removed before cementation, or a tooth which was not kept dry long enough after cementation. — George R. Warden was not kept dry long enough after cementation. — George R. Warden was not kept dry long enough after cementation.

Fractured Central

Q.—I just had a case of a little boy, 9, who has broken the incisal one-third tapering down to almost one-half, on one side of an upper front central. The fracture is clean; caries was not responsible; there is no swelling in the mouth, and the tooth does not seem to be as sore as one might expect.

I washed the tooth, wiped the fracture break with phenol, then alcohol, dried it, and covered it with a cavity lining or varnish.

The mother is naturally greatly disturbed at this loss, but I hesitate to do anything in the way of a restoration, owing to the large pulp that exists in

the tooth of a boy his age.

The object of writing you is to ascertain what would be considered the best treatment for a case of this kind. I fully realize the tooth may die any time within a year or more, from the blow. It would seem to me, however, that the dentine should be more or less permanently protected from the saliva, and yet I dislike even going down into

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My best thought would be, by some method to protect the dental tubulae from the saliva until the boy is way up in his teens, and if the tooth then is vital, place a jacket crown.

Would you advise me what is considered the best treatment for a case of his nature and if my point of view is not correct, feel free to offer any suggestions in regard to the best way of handling this case.—L. W. S., Montana.

A.—Every fractured incisor in a child's mouth is an individual problem, so no general plan of procedure can be laid down.

Doctor Brauer² divides such fractures into several groups, but as we are concerned only with his groups one and two, we will consider those. Group 1. Coronal fracture, with little, if any, dentine exposed. Group 2. Coronal fracture with varying degrees of exposure of the dentine, but without exposure of the pulp.

In group one he advises polishing the rough edges and doing nothing further at the time.

In group two he advises the very treatment you used and then, if the pulp remains vital, he would put on an orthodontic band, cover the dentine with zinc oxide and eugenol and then fill the band with cement.

We have followed this latter plan for years with much satisfaction. Some parents have objected to the gold band, but this is not a great objection, considering the large number of children wearing orthodontic appliances.

In the late teens it is usually safe to restore the tooth with a porcelain jacket crown.

We have, in coronal fractures not involving much if any dentine,

cut the incisal edge down to the plane of the fracture, and then allowed the tooth to come down even with the next one.—George R. Warner.

Bony Prominences

Q.—A woman, 30, came to me in January this year complaining of severe pain and swelling in her mandible lingual to, and approximately opposite, the roots of the lower cuspids. The trouble was apparently started by a lower partial denture she had been wearing; the lingual bar of which rested heavily against the tissues in these areas. I asked her to stop wearing the denture until all the swelling had subsided but now a hard epulis about the size of a large navy bean remains on each side, opposite the cuspids.

I have since constructed a new denture with the lingual bar and acrylic material not touching these "bumps." She has no pain and is not conscious of them except that she feels them with her tongue. I have watched her closely for two months and there seems to be no change, but one of them appears to be getting larger.

Your opinion about this condition and how it should be handled would be greatly appreciated.—A. G. S., California.

A.—The hard bony prominences lingual to your patient's lower cuspid roots have no doubt always been there but the patient was unconscious of their presence, until they were bruised by the settling of the old lingual bar. Since she has discovered them, she feels them with her tongue and very likely just imagines that one is getting larger.

Such bony enlargements are not infrequent and are known as torus lingualis and are similar to the torus palatinus that is often present in the center of the hard palate. They usually should be just let alone but may be removed if need be, after laying back a gum flap, with bone burs or chisels. They consist of a hard dense cortical type of bone.—V. C. SMEDLEY.

Brauer, J. C.: Treatment and Restoration of Fractured Permanent Anterior teeth J.A.D.A. 23-2323 (December) 1936.

Radiolucent Spots

O .- Enclosed is a roentgenogram of an upper left lateral incisor. I should like your opinion as to the cause of the dark spots on the distal of the lateral root. Clinically, the mouth is in excellent condition; the gums having been treated about two years ago and excellent care taken of them since by the patient, who also has routine prophylaxes. However, the patient is suffering from what her physician diagnoses as arthritis, and while he has told her she would never get well, yet he inquired as to the condition of her teeth, and a full mouth X-ray reveals nothing wrong except the spots on the lateral root. There are no clinical symptoms apparent about the lateral.-F. W. W., Texas.

A.—The small radiolucent spots showing on the distal border of the maxillary left lateral incisor root (Figure A) as shown in the roent-genograms enclosed with your letter may or may not be of pathologic origin. I am inclined to think that

they are not.

I have a case, (Figure B), in which a much more marked radio-lucence cuts across the root of a maxillary cuspid. The tooth is normally vital, and the condition has remained the same over a number of years, so I have considered an anatomical variation in the root but I can't prove it and hope not to, for the sake of the patient.—George R. Warner.

Estate Pays Dental Bill

Q.—I have just completed a full upper and lower denture for a man. Nothing was said as to the payment of the bill. He has died.

What percentage of the bill should I ask the estate to pay? My office sign says "Terms Cash."—M. S. S., Pennsylvania.

A.—You do not make it clear in your letter if the completed dentures had been delivered to your patient before he died. But whether they were delivered or not, I would say that if they were completed before his death you would be justi-

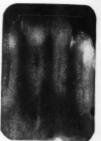


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fied in rendering the estate your bill for the entire fee.—V. C. SMEDLEY.

Burning Sensation

Some months ago³ in your department, I noticed a question on burning sensation of the oral tissues of person wearing dentures. To my mind you have covered all the possible causes but, with one exception, and this one is actually the most common. I have cleared up hundreds of these cases, and I have found that relatively few have had their etiology in your enumeration.

I am writing this with the suggestion that you will pass it on to your questioner and hope that it will be of some aid to him in solving his patient's prob-

lem.

Your suggestion to take the impression physiologically is absolutely correct and this, in itself, should suggest the cause. When a denture has been worn for a long period, there naturally

Burning Sensation, Ask Oral Hygiene in Oak Hygiene 30:851 (July) 1940.

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Often, the pigment in vulcanite was blamed for this condition, and new deniures of a different color were constructed rarely with success. I have found, and proved over seventeen rears, that the material used was not important. For example, in a case of burning sensation in a patient, who has ben wearing a red vulcanite denture, I have stopped the burn with a denture

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The answer to the whole problem is to take an impression so that the vibratory action is held to a minimum and that means an impression under functional pressure; that is, closed mouth technique. In my experience, the only material capable of giving a physiologic picture of oral tissues is paraffin or a form of paraffin wax, which will flow at mouth temperature. With this type of material, reliefs are unnecessary, since in some cases the posterior palatine artery by its pulsating actually makes a path or bed which is visible on an upper impression.

The fact that your questioner states that if the patient removes his present denture, which is ill-fitting regardless of the fact that it has suction, for a definite period of time, he can wear it for a similar period and then the burning sensation returns, proves definitely that the period for recovery or healing is similar to the period of irritation or burning, which becomes progressively

If this dentist would coat the present denture with ordinary paraffin wax, painted on in melted form with a brush, and permit the patient to wear it during his time of irritation, I believe the condition would be corrected. The wax should be replaced every 24 to 48 hours.

No doubt you are familiar with the technique, but should you desire any additional data, I should be pleased to furnish it.—Herbert R. Berger, 1450 Broadway at 41st Street, New York.

Dissolving of Inlays

In an issue⁴ of Oral Hygiene sometime ago, T. T. M. of Louisiana raised the question of the dissolving of inlays.

I myself live in an industrial community and have an opportunity to see much of this condition. I find it always occurs in the mouths of men who chew tobacco or snuff. It seems that, when tobacco is processed, there is quite a bit of dust—field dust, which is sharp and crystalline, left in the weed. The constant movement of the tobacco against any metal in the mouth wears it away gradually. In fact, it is so gradual it seems to dissolve away.

Before constructing crowns, bridges, and inlays for these inveterate tobacco chewers, I ask them to cooperate in giving up tobacco to avoid having difficulties develop later with additional dental expense.—L. J. Fein, D.D.S., 3518 Main Street, Indiana Harbor, Indiana.

Solution Coagulates

Do you have difficulty with your solution coagulating, and adhering to the inside of your spray bottles? I use a proprietary preparation in my bottles and I have just found something that will clean them. I half fill the bottle with vinegar and, with my thumb over the top of the bottle, I shake well for about two minutes. Then I fill the bottle and spray into the cuspidor. This cleans out the glass tube bead and entire nozzle.

If you are annoyed with calcium deposits from your water adhering to your cuspidor, spray the vinegar on these areas, and rub briskly with a cloth.

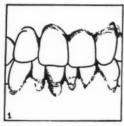
This has been a worry of mine for years, and I thought some others might have the same difficulties and would enjoy reading about my experience.—G. F. Gurley, D.D.S., Brown Theatre Building, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

⁴Dissolving of Inlays, Ask Oral Hygiene in Oral Hygiene 30:1230 (October) 1940.

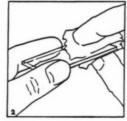
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Conducted by W. EARLE CRAIG, D.D.S.

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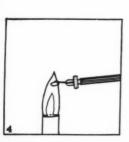
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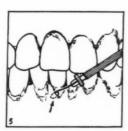
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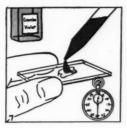
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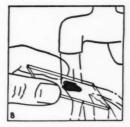
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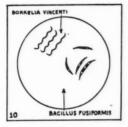
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"John," she said, "I've got a lot of things I want to talk to you about . . . "

"Good," John interrupted. "I'm certainly glad to hear it. Usually you want to talk to me about a lot of things you haven't got."

"I suppose you carry a memento of some sort in that locket of yours?"

"Yes, it's a lock of my husband's hair."
"But, your husband is still alive!"

"Yes, but his hair is gone."

Husband: "You say the bill collector is downstairs?"

Wife: "Yes."

Husband: "Well, tell him to take that pile on my desk."

Teacher: "Junior, can you tell me why the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, built the hanging gardens?"

Junior: "I ain't sure, teacher, but I guess it was because his neighbors kept hens."

He: "Have you fixed the status of the people next door?"

She: "Yes, they have no car, no radio, no talking machine, no piano. I can't imagine what they have."

He: "Perhaps they have a bank account."

"Please announce Mr. and Mrs. Dollar and daughter."

New Butler (in loud voice): "Three bucks."

Mountain Guide: "Be careful not to fall here. It's dangerous. But if you do fall, remember to look to the left. You get a wonderful view on that side."

Chaplain: "What brought you to prison, my good man?"

Prisoner: "A cold in my head." Chaplain: "How could that be?"

Prisoner: "I had to sneeze and woke up the night watchman."

Christine: "Why don't you marry Daniel?"

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Catherine: "I will only marry a man who knows life and has learned its sorrows."

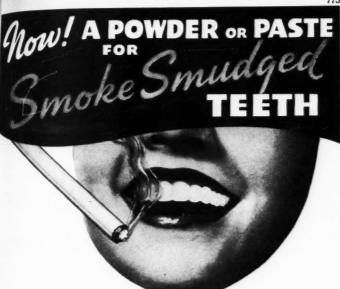
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Budding Writer: "How do you mean?"

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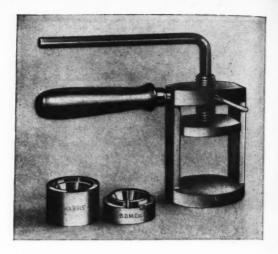
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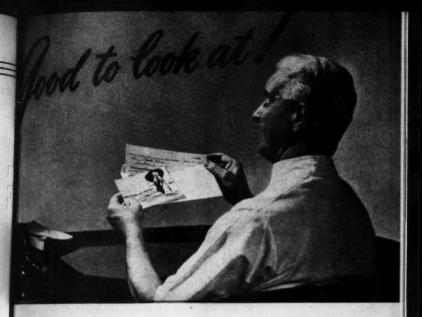
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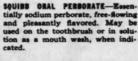
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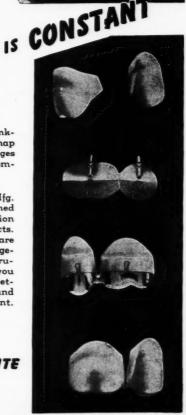
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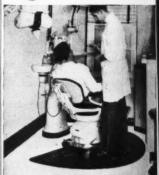


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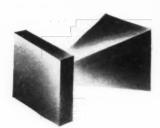
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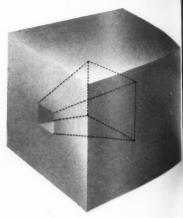
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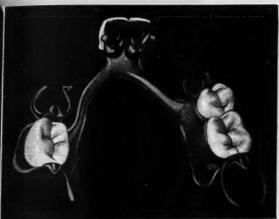
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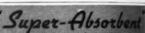
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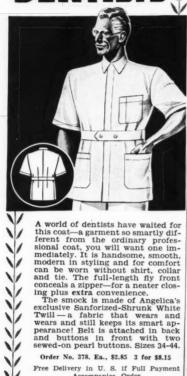
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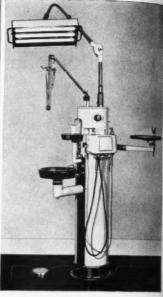
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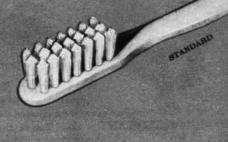
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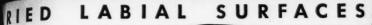
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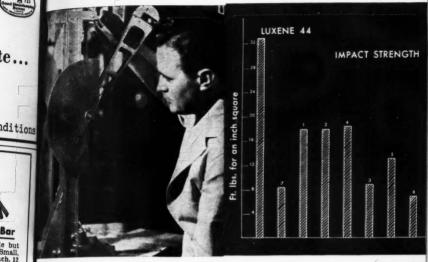
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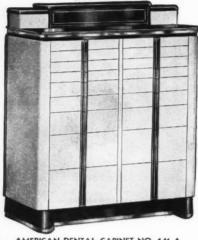
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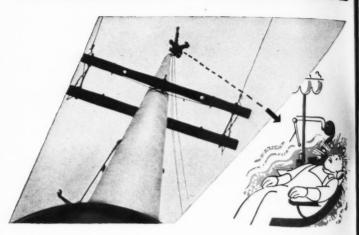
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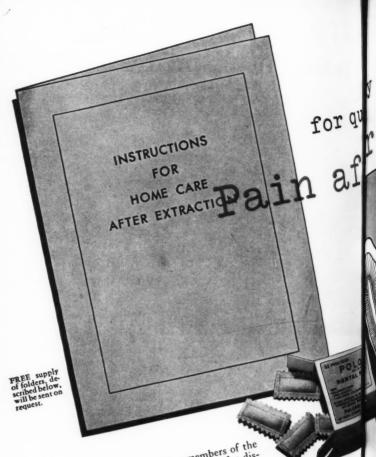
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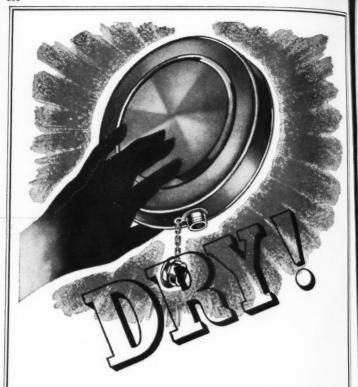
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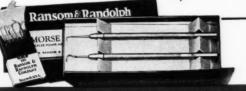
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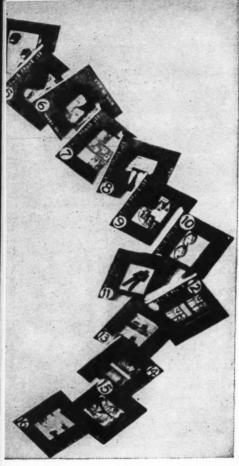
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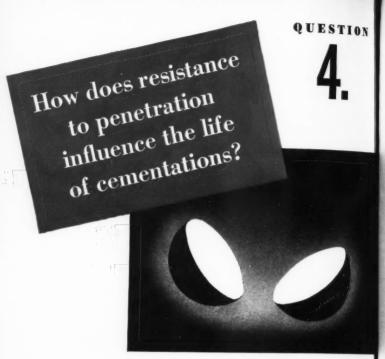
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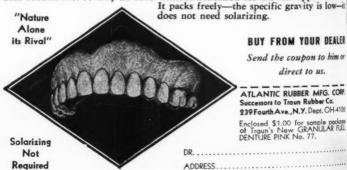
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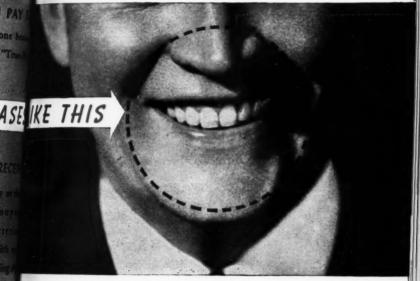
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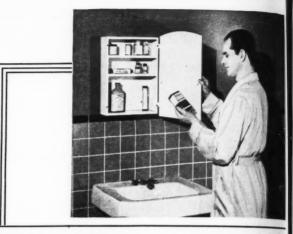
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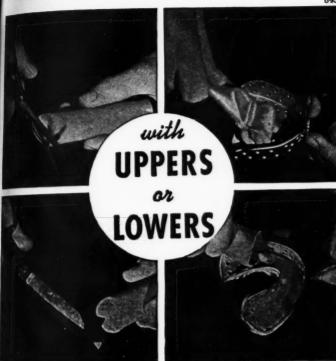
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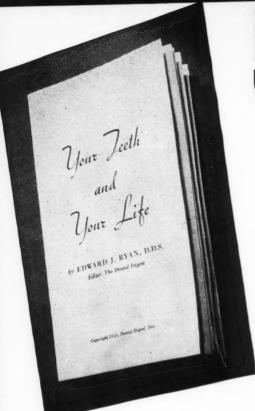
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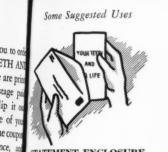
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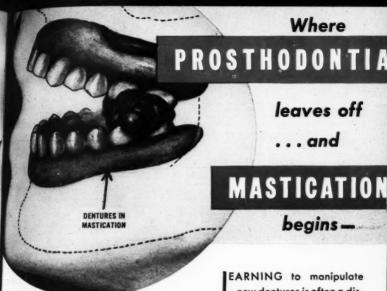
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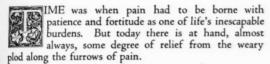
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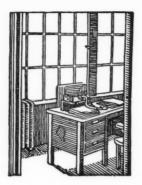
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Month before last, this department confessed that a research organization had discovered that only about 16,000 of the 66,000 dentists receiving ORAL HYGIENE ever turn to the CORNER. Well, that brought some encouraging letters from several of the 16,000. Last month, one was quoted—a letter from a Delaware dentist.

Not long after June O. H. hit the street, Dr. F. G. Robeson of River Forest, Illinois, wrote to admit having turned first to these pages for the last 16 years—and to take issue with this nook's Delaware chum, who had dealt with the

danger of getting careless as a result of finding dentistry a bore, after the monotony of doing prety much the same things day after day. Let's quote and unquote Doctor Robeson:

"I always welcome the dawn of a new day in my office. As to it being a bore—far from it! Every extraction, filling, denture, bridge, X-ray, is—to me—a new problem, filled with interest. I study each to see if I can't do it better than I did it before, or better than the other fellow. Before I know it, the day is done, and I've made a new friend.

"Of course I can't please them all (who could?) but I do get a kick out of it. To be able to relieve pain, or to restore a face to a thing of beauty is nothing short of divine.

"As to our importance, did not Doctor Osler once say that the next contribution to human health must come from the dental profession?

"To read that 'in general, it takes so little knowledge'—Lord, surely no dentist wrote that! Even a blade of grass is, to me, a mystery. To see a mouth, with 32 teeth, with nerves, and blood, and lymph supply surrounded by millions of peridental membrane fibers attached to alveolar bone, the gateway to a living human body, created by the Creator of all life—and to try to restore it to health and functional activity is 'easy' and a 'bore'!

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(Continued from page 858) sometimes requires more than 'so little knowledge.'"

And, oh happy day, Dr. R. C. McLean writes from out in Astoria, Oregon, "Just a note to let you know that you can put me down as No. 16,001, as a constant reader of the CORNER." But, he warns, "Don't start changing things around. I read ORAL HYGIENE from cover-to-cover, ads included, and the CORNER makes a pretty good starting place."

Another sympathetic soul, Dr. Arthur T. White of Pasadena, writes that he reads the department "every month—almost—poor as it may be at times. I began reading Oral Hygiene when Ed Hunt began editing it; I read it when McGee was at the helm; so I guess I can stand you for a while. Be not downhearted! Even Ryan is not on his toes in every issue . . . I like your darned magazine . . . "

Later, Arthur sent a warm-hearted little verse of his which ORAL HYGIENE'S first editor, George Edwin Hunt, had published 33 years ago, before ORAL HYGIENE was born, in Delta Sigma Delta Desmos:

A look, a smile, a warm hand-clasp, As we pass in the busy throng, But we wend our way with a gladder heart

And we sing a gladder song.

For we stand not alone, however we think.

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That heart greets heart, thro' eye and hand
As we speed, each the other, along.

Come next March, Arthur White will have been in practice for a full half-century; he'd been at it about 20 years when the first O. H. appeared.

And that reminds me that the CORNER (which seems to be talking about itself so much today) forgot last month to celebrate an anniversary of its own, its twentieth.

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And the single sentence from Helen Webster out in San Francisco lit things up around here all day long: "I like the CORNER, and the things you say there have made many of us feel that we are your friends and you are ours."

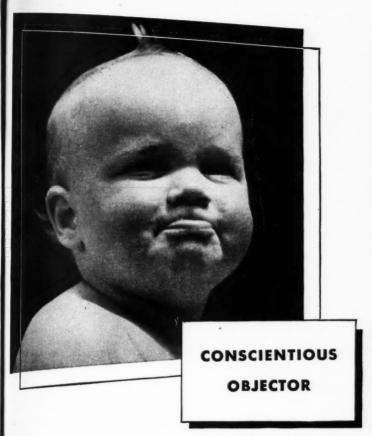
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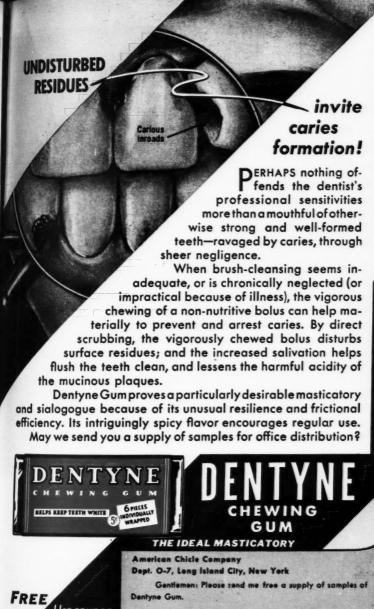
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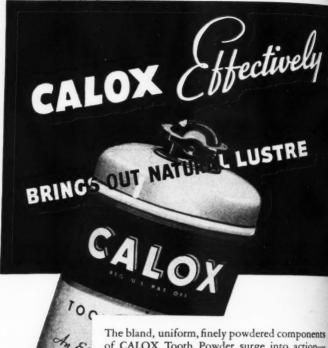


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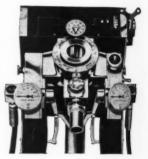
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